(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. To make the thermal power plants pollution free and to increase their efficiency the Central Government initiated a scheme viz. Renovation & Modernisation (Phase-I). Which mainly covered installation of electrostatioc precipitators in the thermal stations. This scheme has already been implemented. Renovation and Modernisation (Phase-II) has been taken up for implementation since 1991 and is likely to be completed by the end of the 9th Plan period.

[English]

Expenditure Incurred on Film Division

2621. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Films Division during the last two years;

(b) details of expenditure incurred separately in respect of wages to employees and cost of films produced;

(c) whether the working of Films Division is reviewed from time to time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) The details of expenditure incurred by Films Division during 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1995-96	1996-97	
I.	Production		
	(a) Cost of production	310.53	458.73
	(b) Wages	109.13	120.60
		419.66	579.33
II.	Distribution		
	(a) Cost of Distribution	828.43	748.50
	(b) Wages	381.98	422.20
		1210.41	1170.70
III.	Overheads	160.00	167.23
	Total expenditure (I + II + III)	1790.07	1917.26

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. On the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Communications, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Shyam Benegal, a noted film personality, has been constituted to review the objectives, functions and procedures of Films Division in all its aspects. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st October, 1997.

[Translation]

Construction of Over Bridge at Varanasi

2622. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the railway crossings in Varanasi cause disruption to road traffic thereby causing a lot of inconvenience to the road users; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Govenment to construct over bridges on the said railway crossings particularly at Madu, Aadih, Alaipura and Lahartara for the convenience of villagers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No , Sir.

(b) No proposals have been received from State Govt. for construction of Road Over Bridges on these level crossings.

[English]

Development of Software for Network

2623. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the software for networking arrangements at all locations where computerised reservations facilities made available has been developed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which all the State Capitals are likely to be brought under networking arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) A project has been undertaken for networking of the 5 computerised Passenger Reservation Systems of Calcutta, Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi and Secunderabad, the software for which has been developed. In the initial phase, the new software has been made operational in a stand-alone mode at the New Delhi and Secunderabad Systems. Preliminary testing has been undertaken for networking between these two Systems and this testing is in progress. It would be feasible to connect all locations having computerised reservations facilities, including State Capitals, only after the networking

system has been tested thoroughly for its reliability and effectiveness.

Shortage of Wagons in Gujarat

2624. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of railway wagons in Gujarat particularly at Unjha station in Mehsana District for loading of various local; agriculture products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of railway wagons provided by the Western Railway for loading various goods and agricultural products from the Unjha station during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to provide railway wagons to Unjha station to meet the demands of local traders?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The details of outward loading took place at Unjha railway station in the past three years is as under :

Year	No. of wagons (Booked)
1993-94	347
1994-95	31
1995-96	-

(d) Unjha is a 'B' Class station on the Mahesana - Palanpur newly converted BG section of Rajkot division on Western Railway. The Station was closed for goods traffic w.e.f. 3.4.1995 due to inadequate offering of traffic. Now it is a 4 line station with the fourth line yet to be commissioned. The fourth line will be the goods shed line. When the line is commissioned, it will be possible to handle both inward and outward traffic in rake loads and wagons will be supplied to Unjha station as and when indents for full rake loads are placed.

Gauge Conversion

2625. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken up the gauge conversion work of Quilon-Tenkasi-Tirunelveli metre gauge line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the total estimated cost thereof;

(c) the fund allocated during 1997-98;

(d) whether the Government got the approval of Planning Commission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The work has been included in the budget 1997-98 and will be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained.

(b) Rs. 280 crs.

(c) Rs. 1 lakh.

(d) and (e) The project has been sent to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

[Translation]

Proposal for Documentaries

2626. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of proposals received for producing documentaries on Rural Development and River Valley Schemes during the year 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Hindi serial 'Pani ke Akshar' has been discontinued;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to re-start it on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) A total number of 710 proposals inclusive of Spots on rural development were received during the year 1995-96. As regards river valley schemes, no proposal was received from outside producers and the programmes on river valley schemes were produced in-house. Out of these, 119 proposals including 69 documentaries were approved.

(c) and (d) 'Pani Ke Akshar' was a series of programmes based on different River Valley Projects and it was an in-house production. The programme went off the air after completion of the series.

(e) The Government has no plan, at present, to restart it on Doordarshan.